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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH RABASA AND DELIVERY OF SECRETARY'S
MESSAGE TO MFM

REF: A. STATE 32495 B. MEXICO 1394

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I CALLED FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA THIS MORNING TO INFORM HIM OF RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH HIM TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND OFFERED TO DELIVER IT PERSONALLY. HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION BUT AS BOTH OF US WERE PRESSED FOR TIME TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AT AIRPORT, SUGGESTED THAT IF APPROPRIATE I OUGHT TO READ THE MESSAGE TO HIM OVER THE TELEPHONE, AND I DID SO. (THE MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED TO HIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD).

2. RABASA WAS DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR MESSAGE, WHICH HE CONSIDERED HIGHLY POSITIVE AND WHICH HE TERMED AS STILL ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S GREAT SENSITIVITY LATINS FEELINGS. HE SAID HE WOULD DELIVER IT TO THE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY IN APPROPRIATE CONTEXT.

3. I THEN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE WITH RABASA THE POINTS CONTAINED UNDER GUIDANCE FOR CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS IN REFTEL A. WITH RESPECT TO OUR VIEW ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ACHIEVING A SENSE OF COMMON PRINCIPLES AND A FEELING OF COMMUNITY, HE EX-
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PRESSED COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND TWICE REMARKED THAT WE SHOULD

AVOID A "WE-THEY" GROUPING. HE WAS ALSO IN FULL AGREEMENT THAT EARLY SESSIONS SHOULD BE SOMEWHAT COMPRESSED SO THAT BY SATURDAY THERE WOULD BE MORE TIME FOR BROAD, GENERAL DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE INDICATED THAT THE PLANNED SOCIAL SCHEDULE IS BEING REVISED. THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT RECEPTION ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT WILL BE MOVED TO SATURDAY NIGHT. THE DINNER WHICH RABASA HAD PLANNED TO OFFER FONMINS ON FRIDAY WILL BE CANCELLED, AS WILL THE RETURN DINNER OFFERED BY FONMINS FOR FONSEC. PRESIDENT'S LUNCH IS STILL ON SCHEDULE AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED. (WE WILL VERIFY NEW SOCIAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE AND REPORT).

4. I INFORMED RABASA OF OUR VIEWS ON A MEANINGFUL DOCUMENT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE, I.E., THAT IT SHOULD BE RELATIVELY SHORT AND HAVE THREE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS, AS DESCRIBED PARA 5. (B) REFTEL A. RABASA EXPRESSED STRONG AGREEMENT WITH THE SUBSTANCE AND SPIRIT OF OUR VIEWS. HE DID EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE SHOULD NOTE DIFFERENCES WHICH MAY ARISE ON THE AGENDA TOPICS IF THE DOCUMENT AND THE CONFERENCE ARE TO HAVE CREDIBILITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF THIS HEMISPHERE, BUT HE AGREED THESE DIFFERENCES COULD BE NOTED IN A FRIENDLY AND POSITIVE RATHER THAN A CONFRONTATIONAL MANNER.

5. AT THIS POINT, RABASA REFERRED TO THE DRAFT "SUGGESTIONS" CIRCULATED BY THE GOM AT THE RECENT EXPERTS' MEETING. HE DEPLORED WHAT HE TERMED OVER-REACTION IN WASHINGTON TO THIS VERY PRELIMINARY DRAFT (SPANISH: ANTE-ANTE-PROYECTO). HE EXPRESSED GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HIMSELF AND YOU (HE HAD TALKED TO YOU ON THE TELEPHONE). IN NO CASE, HE EMPHASIZED, WAS THERE ANY INTENTION TO DRAG YOU DOWN HERE "TO INDICT YOU". HE, MORE THAN ANYONE, SHARED YOUR DESIRE THAT THIS BE A SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD IMPORTANCE OF PRESENCE HERE OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS OF HIGHEST RANK.

6. MY CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS ON BASIS OF PARAS 3-6 OF STATE 32498 ARE REPORTED SEPARATELY IN MEXICO 1394.
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